

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Twardzik et al. Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No. Unassigned
Parent Application 09/641,587 Examiner: Unassigned
No.:
Filed: January 15, 2002
Title: TGF- α POLYPEPTIDES, FUNCTIONAL FRAGMENTS AND METHODS
OF USE THEREFOR

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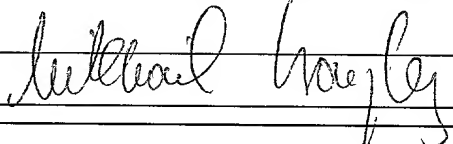
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the present application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph on page 1, under the heading "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" and insert the following replacement paragraph:

-- [0001] This application is a continuation of 09/641,587, filed August 17, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application 09/492,935, filed January 27, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application 09/378,567, filed August 19, 1999, the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.--

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-2 and 23 through 72, as filed herewith without prejudice.

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-1355.

Respectfully submitted,

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